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JOINT MEETING OF THE
SUB-COMMITTEE TO STUDY
INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS AND OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST BETWEEN THE
COUNTY OF LEE AND CITY OF SANFORD

APRIL 21, 2014

The joint-sub-committee appointed to study interlocal agreements and others items of interest between the County of Lee and the City of Sanford met at 11:30 a.m., April 21, 2014, in the West End Conference Room, Sanford City Hall, 225 Weatherspoon Street, Sanford, North Carolina, on said date. Commissioner appointed members present were Amy M. Dalrymple, Kirk D. Smith, and James K. Womack. County staff in attendance included County Manager John Crumpton, Assistant County Manager/Finance Director Lisa Minter, Law Clerk Kerry Schmid, MPA Intern Michael James, and Clerk to the Board Gaynell Lee.

Mayor Chet Mann called the joint sub-committee meeting to order.

The first item discussed was the joint Community Development/Economic Development Facility. With several City and County departments, along with the Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development merging, a location to house all departments has been in the making for almost a year. Three vacant buildings have been toured and are up for consideration. At one time it was decided up to 25,000 square feet would be needed to house the 35-40 staff which will make up these departments. It has now been decided, by City staff, that 14,000 square feet should be sufficient. It was agreed that it will be more productive with everyone being located in one location and will be a "top notch" addition for Sanford-Lee County. The three locations toured were the old Buggy Factory located on Chatham Street, the old Belk Building located on Steele Street, and the old Food Lion building located on North Horner Blvd. Commissioner Womack stated he wanted to make sure all three buildings were on the same page. He further requested that the owners of the three buildings be contacted and asked for proposals for up-fit, lease options, and price per square foot within the next 30 days.

The sub-committee discussed the transition to Public/Private Partnership for Economic Development – Partnership for Prosperity. It was noted several applications had been received for the Executive Director's position and it has been narrowed down to nine applicants. Mayor Chet Mann stated to date \$400,000 in pledges have been received by the first four contributors to the new Public/Private Partnership. He anticipates there being no problem with obtaining the remaining required goal of \$900,000.

County Manager John Crumpton gave an update on the Clyde Rhyne Road paving project. It is hopeful that the project will begin in the next few weeks.

The sub-committee discussed the review process for filling the vacant Sanford-Lee County Economic Development Director position vacated by Bob Bridwell. It was stated that Assistant Community Development Director Marshal Downey began the Interim position effective today. At this time it was noted the Community Development Department would be left as is.

It was mentioned that GIS staff need to be given more educational/advancement opportunities so they can do more with the upcoming fracking issues. It was noted that GIS Director Don Kovasckitz had trained State staff and surrounding county staff on GIS updates in the past several months.

Parks and Recreation development was the next item discussed by the sub-committee. Mayor Chet Mann discussed the recent \$2 million bond referendum passed by the voters for Parks & Recreation Development. Mr. Mann stated his "vision" was to develop/construct a 21st Century Sports Complex that will help develop O. T. Sloan Park. The recent City sidewalk bond will help with installing sidewalks from the Civic Center and Lee Senior High School to the O. T. Sloan Park and surrounding hotels. The need for more soccer fields was also discussed. There is available land at the Park that is not being used and it is felt that through public-private investment the Park could be expanded. This would help bring more economic development projects to help Lee County citizens and bring people to the City-County for weekend sports events. It was noted that a feasibility study needs to be completed and will cost approximately \$54,000. Mr. Mann asked the Committee to discuss with their Boards the adoption of the concept so the project could move forward. It was later agreed that the Parks & Recreation Commission needed to review the plan before going to the Commissioners and City Council.

Water and sewer extension in the unincorporated areas of the County were discussed. County Manager John Crumpton stated the County spent \$1.6 million on a lift station in the northern part of the county that is not being used and they are looking to the City to see what they might do to help expand water services to more parts of the county especially at the Lee County Industrial Park. The County has secured a grant for improvements to Clyde Rhyne Road to make the area more appealing to companies looking to come to the area. The water/sewer would help bring more businesses to the Industrial Park. New businesses looking to build in the Industrial Park would need water/sewer within 12-months after agreeing to build in that area. City representatives stated they would consider the request.

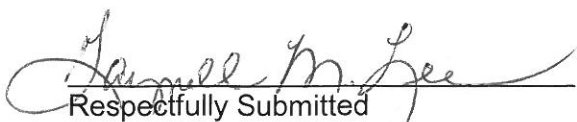
It was agreed that plans needed to begin soon for the updated 20/20 Land Use Plan. City Manager Hal Hegwer stated the City would review.

Commissioner Kirk Smith asked the City to consider passing a Resolution to name the 421 By-Pass from US #1 north to the Cumnock Exit in memory of Donald (Don) Buie. The County has already approved and submitted a Resolution to the Department of Transportation but all entities within the County must also pass Resolutions.

Commissioner Smith stated the Young Commissioners Leadership Program will begin on July 28th and go through August 8th. New members will be presented to the City Council along with Commissioners.

It was also noted that Crisis Intervention Training for law enforcement officials would be offered at the Central Carolina Emergency Training Center on July 21-25th. Law enforcement personnel are encouraged to attend.

With no further business to come before the sub-committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:07 p.m.


Respectfully Submitted
Gaynell M. Lee, Clerk
Lee County Board of Commissioners